



**United States Department of Agriculture
National Agricultural Statistics Service**

South Carolina Crop Progress and Condition Report



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This report contains data collected each week from respondents across the state whose occupations provide them opportunities to discuss agricultural production with farmers in their counties as well as to make visual observations. We thank all who have contributed to this report.

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General

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in South Carolina, there were 4.8 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, April 9, 2023. Precipitation ranged from 0.5 inches of rain to 6.0 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the high 60s to the low 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 40s to the low 60s.

Crops

Most of the state experienced rainfall and cool temperatures over the weekend, but fair conditions earlier in the week allowed producers to make progress on planting activities. Corn fields across the state continued to be planted with much of the earlier planted crop beginning to emerge. Cotton and peanut producers made burndown applications in anticipation of planting beginning in the coming weeks. Despite the mid-March freeze, many varieties of peaches were noted to be sizing nicely. Producers continued to note the potential damage that those freeze events caused to peaches, blueberries, and blackberries, specifically the early varieties. The wet and cold conditions at the end of the week continued to cause concern for fungal disease in strawberries. Transplanting of tobacco began throughout the week.

Livestock and Pastures

Both cattle and pastures were in relatively good condition around the state.

Crop Progress for Week Ending 04/09/23

Crop stage	Prev year (percent)	Prev week (percent)	This week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Planted	31	24	44	41
Corn - Emerged	16	6	18	18
Peaches - Blooming.....	88	80	91	87
Tobacco - Transplanted	1	NA	1	3
Winter wheat - Headed	12	4	20	13

(NA) Not available.

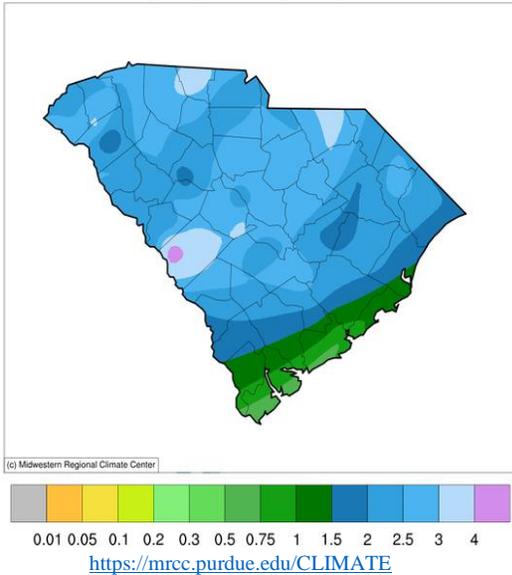
Conditions for Week Ending 04/09/23

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle	2	2	20	66	10
Pasture and range	3	3	30	59	5
Peaches	0	9	39	52	0
Winter wheat.....	0	0	16	80	4

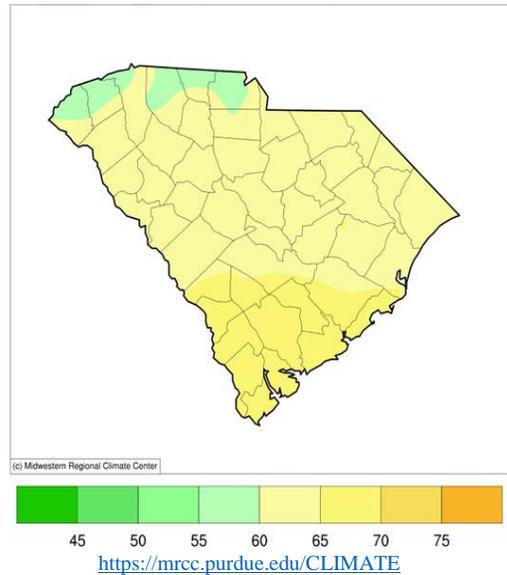
Soil Moisture for Week Ending 04/09/23

Topsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short	0	0
Short	9	5
Adequate	87	73
Surplus	4	22
Subsoil	Previous week (percent)	This week (percent)
Very short	0	0
Short	9	4
Adequate	91	82
Surplus	0	14

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
April 03, 2023 to April 09, 2023



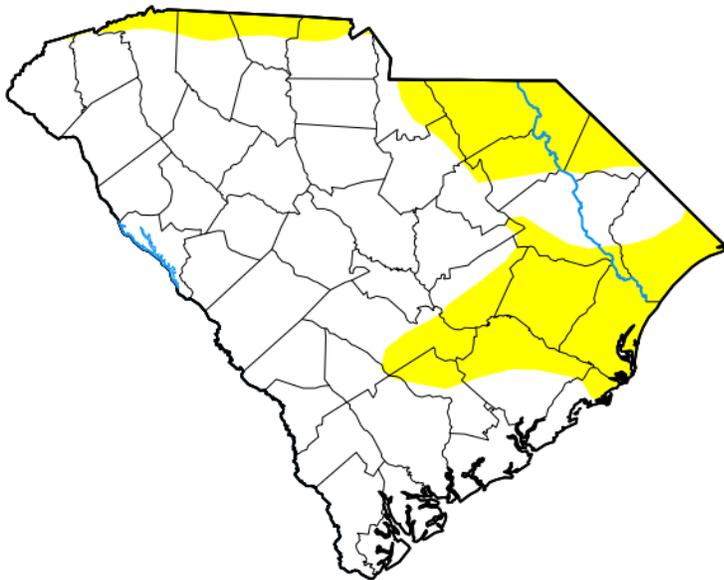
Average Temperature (°F)
April 03, 2023 to April 09, 2023



For the state's complete Weekly Weather Summary http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli_reports_2023.php

U.S. Drought Monitor South Carolina

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	74.71	25.29	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 03-28-2023	82.62	17.38	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 01-03-2023	49.44	50.56	10.67	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-03-2023	49.44	50.56	10.67	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-27-2022	63.65	36.35	4.72	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 04-05-2022	45.71	54.29	30.37	0.00	0.00	0.00

Intensity:

- None
- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>

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